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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Little Rock Nine Med-
5 als and Coins Act”.

6 **TITLE I—LITTLE ROCK NINE**
7 **GOLD MEDALS**

8 **SEC. 101. CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS.**

9 The Congress hereby finds the following:

10 (1) Jean Brown Trickey, Carlotta Walls La-
11 Nier, Melba Patillo Beals, Terrence Roberts, Gloria
12 Ray Karlmark, Thelma Mothershed Wair, Ernest
13 Green, Elizabeth Eckford, and Jefferson Thomas,
14 hereafter in this section referred to as the “Little
15 Rock Nine”, voluntarily subjected themselves to the
16 bitter stinging pains of racial bigotry.

17 (2) The Little Rock Nine are civil rights pio-
18 neers whose selfless acts considerably advanced the
19 civil rights debate in this country.

20 (3) The Little Rock Nine risked their lives to
21 integrate Central High School in Little Rock, Ar-
22 kansas, and subsequently the Nation.

23 (4) The Little Rock Nine sacrificed their inno-
24 cence to protect the American principle that we are
25 all “one nation, under God, indivisible”.

1 (5) The Little Rock Nine have indelibly left
2 their mark on the history of this Nation.

3 (6) The Little Rock Nine have continued to
4 work towards equality for all Americans.

5 **SEC. 102. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDALS.**

6 (a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—The President is
7 authorized to present, on behalf of the Congress, to Jean
8 Brown Trickey, Carlotta Walls LaNier, Melba Patillo
9 Beals, Terrence Roberts, Gloria Ray Karlmark, Thelma
10 Mothershed Wair, Ernest Green, Elizabeth Eckford, and
11 Jefferson Thomas, commonly referred to collectively as the
12 “Little Rock Nine”, gold medals of appropriate design,
13 in recognition of the selfless heroism such individuals ex-
14 hibited and the pain they suffered in the cause of civil
15 rights by integrating Central High School in Little Rock,
16 Arkansas.

17 (b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For purposes of the
18 presentation referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary
19 of the Treasury shall strike a gold medal with suitable em-
20 blems, devices, and inscriptions to be determined by the
21 Secretary for each recipient.

22 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATION.—Effective
23 October 1, 1997, there are authorized to be appropriated
24 such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section.

1 **SEC. 103. DUPLICATE MEDALS.**

2 (a) STRIKING AND SALE.—The Secretary of the
3 Treasury may strike and sell duplicates in bronze of the
4 gold medals struck pursuant to section 2 under such regu-
5 lations as the Secretary may prescribe, at a price sufficient
6 to cover the cost thereof, including labor, materials, dies,
7 use of machinery, and overhead expenses, and the cost of
8 the gold medal.

9 (b) REIMBURSEMENT OF APPROPRIATION.—The ap-
10 propriation used to carry out section 2 shall be reimbursed
11 out of the proceeds of sales under subsection (a).

12 **SEC. 104. NATIONAL MEDALS.**

13 The medals struck pursuant to this title are national
14 medals for purposes of chapter 51 of title 31, United
15 States Code.

16 **TITLE II—GERALD AND BETTY**
17 **FORD GOLD MEDAL**

18 **SEC 201. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.**

19 (a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—The President is
20 authorized to present, on behalf of the Congress, to Gerald
21 R. and Betty Ford a gold medal of appropriate design—

22 (1) in recognition of their dedicated public serv-
23 ice and outstanding humanitarian contributions to
24 the people of the United States; and

25 (2) in commemoration of the following occa-
26 sions in 1998:

1 (A) The 85th anniversary of the birth of
2 President Ford.

3 (B) The 80th anniversary of the birth of
4 Mrs. Ford.

5 (C) The 50th wedding anniversary of
6 President and Mrs. Ford.

7 (D) The 50th anniversary of the 1st elec-
8 tion of Gerald R. Ford to the United States
9 House of Representatives.

10 (E) The 25th anniversary of the approval
11 of Gerald R. Ford by the Congress to become
12 Vice President of the United States.

13 (b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For purposes of the
14 presentation referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary
15 of the Treasury shall strike a gold medal with suitable em-
16 blems, devices, and inscriptions to be determined by the
17 Secretary.

18 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATION.—There are
19 authorized to be appropriated not to exceed \$20,000 to
20 carry out this section.

21 **SEC. 202. DUPLICATE MEDALS.**

22 (a) STRIKING AND SALE.—The Secretary of the
23 Treasury may strike and sell duplicates in bronze of the
24 gold medal struck pursuant to section 201 under such reg-
25 ulations as the Secretary may prescribe, at a price suffi-

1 cient to cover the cost thereof, including labor, materials,
 2 dies, use of machinery, and overhead expenses, and the
 3 cost of the gold medal.

4 (b) REIMBURSEMENT OF APPROPRIATION.—The ap-
 5 propriation used to carry out section 201 shall be reim-
 6 bursed out of the proceeds of sales under subsection (a).

7 **SEC. 203. NATIONAL MEDALS.**

8 The medals struck pursuant to this title are national
 9 medals for purposes of chapter 51 of title 31, United
 10 States Code.

11 **TITLE III—JACKIE ROBINSON**
 12 **COMMEMORATIVE COINS**

13 **SEC. 301. SIX-MONTH EXTENSION FOR CERTAIN SALES.**

14 Notwithstanding section 101(7)(D) of the United
 15 States Commemorative Coin Act of 1996, the Secretary
 16 of the Treasury may, at any time before January 1, 1999,
 17 make bulk sales at a reasonable discount to the Jackie
 18 Robinson Foundation of not less than 20 percent of any
 19 denomination of coins minted under section 101(7) of such
 20 Act which remained unissued as of July 1, 1998, except
 21 that the total number of coins of any such denomination
 22 which were issued under such section or this section may
 23 not exceed the amount of such denomination of coins
 24 which were authorized to be minted and issued under sec-
 25 tion 101(7)(A) of such Act.

TITLE IV—\$1 COIN DESIGN EVALUATION

SEC. 401. COMMISSIONING OF STUDY REQUIRED.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General of the United States shall commission, on a reimbursable basis, a study, similar to the study conducted under section 302 of the United States Commemorative Coin Act of 1996, to compare the relative acceptance by the public and the fiscal impact on the Treasury of the United States of the use of the image of Sacajawea on the obverse of the new \$1 coin with that of the relative acceptance by the public and the fiscal impact on the Treasury of the United States of the use of the image of the Statue of Liberty.

(b) DESIGN AND SCOPE OF STUDY.—The study required to be commissioned under subsection (a) shall—

(1) be designed by the Comptroller General, in consultation with the Committee on Banking and Financial Services of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate, the Secretary of the Treasury, and the Director of the United States Mint;

(2) be conducted by private sector consultants selected by the Comptroller General on the basis of their education, training, and experience;

1 (3) measure the estimated acceptance of each
2 image, including an estimate of the number of po-
3 tential sales of proof, uncirculated, and other quali-
4 ties of coins bearing each such image;

5 (4) estimate the number of coins bearing each
6 such image which would be removed from circulation
7 for collections or as souvenirs by both formal and in-
8 formal numismatists and other collectors, as well as
9 tourists; and

10 (5) examine the financial impact which could
11 flow from other factors that might influence the
12 choice of an image for the obverse of the coin.

13 (c) INCLUSION OF FOCUS GROUPS AND INTERESTED
14 ASSOCIATIONS.—In carrying out the study required under
15 this section, the consultants selected by the Comptroller
16 General shall—

17 (1) convene groups consisting of individuals
18 representing a broad cross-section of the populace
19 for purposes of testing the relative acceptance of the
20 2 images; and

21 (2) consult with the American Numismatic As-
22 sociation and the Coin Coalition, as well as any mar-
23 keting organization or operator of a sales location
24 which might sell proof, uncirculated, and other
25 qualities of the new \$1 coin.

1 (d) REPORT.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—A report on the study shall
3 be completed and submitted to the Congress before
4 January 31, 1999.

5 (2) CONTENTS.—The report submitted pursu-
6 ant to paragraph (1) shall contain the findings and
7 conclusions of the consultants conducting the study
8 and the Comptroller General, together with such rec-
9 ommendations as the consultants and the Comptrol-
10 ler General determine to be appropriate.

11 (e) FUNDING.—Not to exceed \$350,000 of the costs
12 of the study required under this section shall be reim-
13 bursed by the Secretary of the Treasury from the United
14 States Mint Public Enterprise Fund.

15 **TITLE V—LEIF ERICSSON MIL-**
16 **LENNIUM COMMEMORATIVE**
17 **COIN**

18 **SEC. 501. SHORT TITLE.**

19 This title may be cited as the “Leif Ericsson Millen-
20 nium Commemorative Coin Act”.

21 **SEC. 502. COIN SPECIFICATIONS.**

22 (a) \$1 SILVER COINS.—In conjunction with the si-
23 multaneous mining and issuance of commemorative coins
24 by the Republic of Iceland in commemoration of the mil-
25 lennium of the discovery of the New World by Leif

1 Ericsson, the Secretary of the Treasury (hereafter in this
2 title referred to as the “Secretary”) shall mint and issue
3 not more than 500,000 1 dollar coins, which shall—

4 (1) weigh 26.73 grams;

5 (2) have a diameter of 1.500 inches; and

6 (3) contain 90 percent silver and 10 percent
7 copper.

8 (b) **LEGAL TENDER.**—The coins minted under this
9 title shall be legal tender, as provided in section 5103 of
10 title 31, United States Code.

11 (c) **NUMISMATIC ITEMS.**—For purposes of section
12 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all coins minted
13 under this title shall be considered to be numismatic items.

14 **SEC. 503. SOURCES OF BULLION.**

15 The Secretary may obtain silver for minting coins
16 under this title from any available source, including stock-
17 piles established under the Strategic and Critical Mate-
18 rials Stock Piling Act.

19 **SEC. 504. DESIGN OF COINS.**

20 (a) **DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.**—

21 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—The design of the coins
22 minted under this title shall be emblematic of the
23 millennium of the discovery of the New World by
24 Leif Ericsson.

1 (2) DESIGNATION AND INSCRIPTIONS.—On
2 each coin minted under this title there shall be—

3 (A) a designation of the value of the coin;

4 (B) an inscription of the year “2000”; and

5 (C) inscriptions of the words “Liberty”,
6 “In God We Trust”, “United States of Amer-
7 ica”, and “E Pluribus Unum”.

8 (b) SELECTION.—The design for the coins minted
9 under this title shall be—

10 (1) selected by the Secretary after consultation
11 with the Leifur Eiríksson Foundation and the Com-
12 mission of Fine Arts; and

13 (2) reviewed by the Citizens Commemorative
14 Coin Advisory Committee.

15 **SEC. 505. ISSUANCE OF COINS.**

16 (a) QUALITY OF COINS.—Coins minted under this
17 title shall be issued in uncirculated and proof qualities.

18 (b) MINT FACILITY.—Only 1 facility of the United
19 States Mint may be used to strike any particular quality
20 of the coins minted under this title.

21 (c) COMMENCEMENT OF ISSUANCE.—The Secretary
22 may issue coins minted under this title beginning January
23 1, 2000.

1 (d) TERMINATION OF MINTING AUTHORITY.—No
2 coins may be minted under this title after December 31,
3 2000.

4 **SEC. 506. SURCHARGES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—All sales of coins minted under
6 this title shall include a surcharge of \$10 per coin.

7 (b) DISTRIBUTION.—All surcharges received by the
8 Secretary from the sale of coins issued under this title
9 shall be promptly paid by the Secretary to the Leifur
10 Eiríksson Foundation for the purpose of funding student
11 exchanges between students of the United States and stu-
12 dents of Iceland.

13 (c) AUDITS.—The Leifur Eiríksson Foundation shall
14 be subject to the audit requirements of section 5134(f)(2)
15 of title 31, United States Code, with regard to the
16 amounts received by the Foundation under subsection (b).

17 **SEC. 507. GENERAL WAIVER OF PROCUREMENT REGULA-**
18 **TIONS.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection
20 (b), no provision of law governing procurement or public
21 contracts shall be applicable to the procurement of goods
22 and services necessary for carrying out the provisions of
23 this title.

24 (b) EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY.—Sub-
25 section (a) shall not relieve any person entering into a con-

- 1 tract under the authority of this Act from complying with
- 2 any law relating to equal employment opportunity.

Passed the House of Representatives October 9,
1998.

Attest:

Clerk.